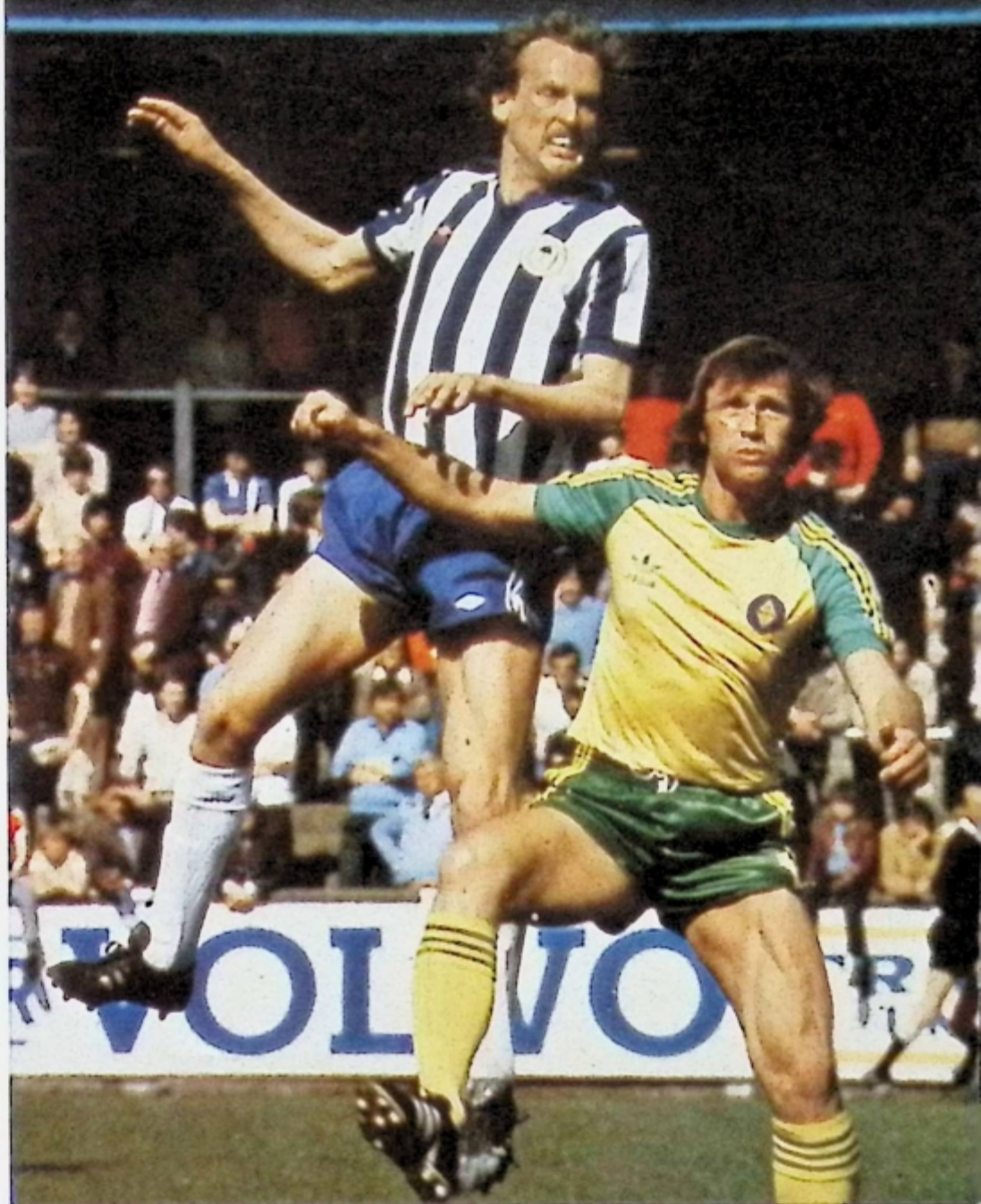


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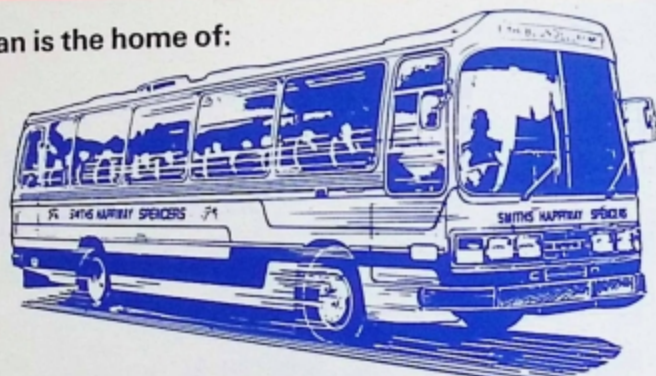


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LARRY LLOYD

A WARM welcome this evening, to Darlington Football Club. Since my last notes we have played away at Colchester, and gained a very satisfactory result. The performance of the team in this game was exceptionally professional, for the way in which we contained a very dangerous attack and then hit them on the break. Peter Houghton's goal was one of the best goals I have seen for many a year, and, again, the way he is playing he richly deserves the success he is getting.

The next round of the League Cup sees the visit of Chelsea. This should turn out an exciting game, which hopefully, will be watched by a capacity crowd.

Also this week, the first round of the F.A. Cup has been drawn, and, as you know, Hartlepool United are our visitors. I am quite pleased with this as we could so easily have drawn a non-league club away, which is always very difficult. Having played Hartlepool already this season and lost, this gives us an opportunity to avenge a result that I felt was rather unlucky.

Best wishes,

Larry Lloyd.



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Scene Four

WIGAN NOW ON PROMOTION COURSE!

WIGAN ATHLETIC, after a slow start, have now jumped into promotion form. The Fourth Division's first form chart of the season, issued prior to last weekend's games, reveals that we are now playing very nearly as well as top clubs like Sheffield United, Colchester United and Bradford City.

The chart is based upon the most recent three home games, and the most recent three away games (League only), of all Fourth Division clubs.

Darlington, tonight's visitors to Springfield Park, have also risen rapidly up the table. They were unbeaten in six League matches prior to the weekend when their Fourth Division form rating was 11th.

Colchester United, whom we visited last Friday, trailed just one point behind the leaders Sheffield United when we met them.

The full table is as follows:-

	Home					Away					
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Sheffield Utd.	2	1	0	9	2	3	0	0	8	3	16
Colchester	3	0	0	13	1	2	0	1	5	3	15
Blackpool	3	0	0	12	3	2	0	1	7	3	15
Bradford City	2	0	1	6	3	3	0	0	8	3	15
Peterborough	2	0	1	4	1	2	1	0	4	1	13
Wigan Athletic	3	0	0	5	2	1	1	1	4	5	13
Bury	3	0	0	12	4	0	1	2	6	6	10
Aldershot	2	0	1	5	3	1	1	1	3	5	10
Tranmere	1	1	1	3	4	2	0	1	6	5	10
Hereford	0	3	0	4	1	1	1	1	5	8	10
Darlington	1	2	0	2	1	0	3	0	4	4	9
Rochdale	1	1	1	5	3	1	1	1	2	3	8
Bournemouth	1	2	0	4	3	1	0	2	2	4	8
York City	0	1	2	5	10	2	0	1	2	4	7
Hartlepool	1	1	1	4	3	0	2	1	2	3	6
Port Vale	1	0	2	3	6	1	0	2	4	5	6
Crewe	1	0	2	4	4	1	0	2	1	6	6
Halifax	1	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	4	10	6
Tranmere	1	1	1	5	4	0	1	2	1	3	5
Northampton	1	0	2	3	5	0	2	1	4	8	5
Stockport	1	0	2	5	5	0	1	2	2	6	4
Hull City	0	0	3	2	6	0	0	1	9	10	2
Mansfield	0	2	1	5	6	0	0	3	1	7	2
Scunthorpe	0	2	1	7	9	0	0	3	1	9	2

The rankings have certainly boosted the morale of Sheffield United's new manager Ian Porterfield who undertook a tremendous challenge when he took over in the summer. The Blades, relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history this year, needed to make a quick impact in Division Four.

This they have done and their finest performance was their 2-0 win away at Bradford City. Bradford held a three-point lead at the top of the Fourth Division and had been averaging almost three goals per game all season when Sheffield went to Valley Parade.

It was not surprising that the game should attract the division's highest attendance (13,711) of the season. First-half goals from Keith Edwards and Steve Neville gave the Blades a 2-0 interval advantage but they were certainly taking nothing for granted.

Bradford have become famed for their second-half recoveries, on three occasions having hit three or four goals in second-half fight backs.

But the Blade's defence stood firm, they held the score and thus became the first team this season to prevent Bradford from scoring in the League. It extended their unbeaten run to seven matches and took them to within two points of Bradford who still retain the divisional leadership.

Bournemouth, who were among the early leaders of the Fourth Division, received a double set-back when losing successive away matches at Peterborough (0-1) and Aldershot (0-2). But they got back on the winning path against another high-scoring side in Bury.

The Cherries owed their recovery to a 19 year old making his League debut. Milton Graham scored twice, opening the scoring in the ninth minute, and then hitting the winner 15 minutes from time after Bury had recovered to 2-2.

Craig Madden, who scored one of Bury's goals, maintained the leadership of the Fourth Division's scoring chart. It was his 15th goal of the season.

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Aldershot		3-2	2-0					0-0	3-1	1-2			2-3						
Blackpool							5-0		7-1		3-1								2-0
Bournemouth							2-0	2-0						1-1			1-0		
Bradford		4-1				2-1											2-0	0-2	
Bury								2-0						7-1	3-2	3-0	4-0		2-0
Colchester	1-1										4-0			5-1					3-0
Crewe	2-3				1-2				0-1								0-2	1-2	3-0
Darlington		2-2		1-5					1-1				1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0			0-1
Halifax			1-1	2-1	0-2									1-1		0-0			0-2
Hartlepool				1-3				3-2			3-2				0-1				0-0
Hereford				1-2	3-0		1-1	2-2	1-1										0-3
Hull	1-2			2-1											1-1				2-1
Mansfield		2-2	0-1		1-1	0-1					3-3		4-1						
Northampton		0-1		0-2					2-3	1-1							1-1		0-0
Peterborough			1-0			3-0			3-1		1-0				5-1				0-1
Port Vale					2-1			0-0		2-1	0-0		1-3				0-2	1-0	
Rochdale	0-0	0-0			1-2				2-1						1-2				4-1
Scunthorpe		1-1		1-3					2-1	2-2	4-4				0-1				2-1
Sheffield Utd.		3-1				1-0	4-0		1-1	2-2		4-1					1-0		
Stockport			1-2	2-3			2-0						3-0		3-0			1-0	
Torquay				2-0									2-1	2-0	2-2			1-0	
Tranmere			0-1		1-3			1-1	1-0	0-0									0-0
Wigan													3-1	2-0		2-1	0-1	2-1	1-0
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The club's very first Birmingham Combination match was played against Atherstone Town on the 30th August, 1924, when the team lost 2-3. The following week, Hereford United played Kidderminster Harriers (away) in an Extra Preliminary Round of the F.A. Cup, losing 2-7, but how many clubs can claim to have taken part in an F.A. Cup fixture only one week after their first ever competitive game?

The club became a limited company in 1939, and became members of the Southern League. Like Wigan Athletic, Hereford United were elected to the Football League only after a tied vote, on Friday, 2nd June, 1972. In the first ballot Barrow and Hereford United each received 26 votes, but, on the second ballot, United were elected, gaining 29 votes to Barrow's 26 votes.

In its first season in the Football League, the club won promotion to the Third Division, and, in 1975, gained further promotion to the Second Division. The record attendance for Edgar Street was established in January, 1958, when a crowd of 18,114 watched a Third Round F.A. Cup tie against Sheffield Wednesday. However, the ground capacity has been reduced in recent years by the installation of extra seating and the need to conform to safety regulations.

Many of our older fans still recall the glorious day, when "Latics" crushed the "United" 4-1 at Springfield Park in the Second Round of the F.A. Cup Competition, prior to the legendary clash with Newcastle United at St. James' Park. Since joining the Football League, however, clashes between Wigan Athletic and Hereford United have always been uncompromising and closely-fought, with each club claiming one victory by the odd goal, and the other four games being drawn. Indeed, in the six League encounters played to date, only eight goals have actually been scored. With Hereford United currently one of the Fourth Division's draw specialists, both at home and away, next Saturday's game looks likely to be another dour encounter. Strangely enough, Hereford United have gained more points away from home, and scored more goals away from home, than at Edgar Street. So, if it is a close encounter of the nail-biting kind that you enjoy, turn up at Springfield Park on Saturday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 1981

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- HEREFORD UNITED

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1981

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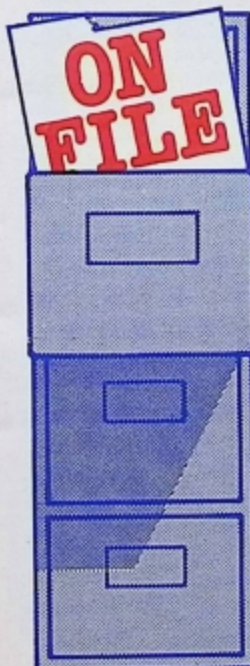
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WELL, it could have been a quiet November if things had worked out differently! At the start of the season, Merle Ward, Jack Farrimond and myself perused the League Fixture List and noticed that after tonight's game and Saturday's game against Hereford, we had four clear weeks, from 7th November to the 5th December, without a first team home fixture. Four nice empty weeks in which we could catch up with all the office duties that tend to take second place to our main business of getting the games organised. Then what happens? Not only do we draw a home tie in the League Cup, but it is an all ticket home tie. Tickets have to be printed, double quick, with only twelve clear days between the draw and the game. Arrangements have to be made for the sale of tickets — staff brought in, days-off cancelled. And all this whilst all the official arrangements are made with Chelsea and the Football League — dates are agreed, ticket delivery to Chelsea organised, the League is kept informed of what's going on.

And on Monday of this week, whilst we're talking to builders, eng-

ineers, and police about all the arrangements, and getting ready for the queues of people wanting tickets for the Chelsea match, news comes through — remember that November off you were going to have? Well, you've lost it all — we're at home to Hartlepool in the F.A. Cup. I must admit that I appreciate as much as the next man the advantage of a home tie, but it does make things a little more difficult for the home side, and it certainly involves a great deal of work. Still, for the sake of a home tie and easier access to the tie from our own supporters, we share in the satisfaction of having a home fixture. It just shows you, though, when we sat studying the League fixtures in August, little did we realise that Latics fans would be in with a chance of two trips to Wembley.

And as for December, it was going to be busy enough without the Fourth Round League Cup and Second Round F.A. Fixtures — but let's hope we're as busy as we can be.

Roll on Christmas!
Yours, happy to be busy,
Colin Burke (and Jack and Merle).



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THE LOCAL VIEW

by Harold Ashurst

CONGRATULATIONS are in order tonight to Les Jackson, who has just been made President of the Post and Chronicle Sunday League. League officials left the position open for 12 months as a mark of respect for previous President Jimmy Hurst, a founder member of the League, but the recent appointment of Les will be welcomed in local soccer circles. A Lancashire F.A. Council Member, Les is a former Chairman of the South West Lancashire Combination and is presently Chairman of the Wigan Cup Committee. He has been on the LFA Council for more than 10 years.

The St. Cuthbert's drama in the Wigan Amateur League is still simmering with the news that the main culprits involved in getting the club thrown out of the Wigan Amateur League may not be allowed to sign for other clubs. Chucked out for continual breaches of discipline, St. Cuthbert's recently had five players sent off in one game and League Secretary Mike Taylor said: "We know who the main culprits are and we don't want them causing trouble at another club".

Wigan Amateur League have been

drawn at Warrington in the next round of the Lancashire Inter League Competition while the Post and Chronicle League are at home to Bolton Combination. The games will be played before December 31st.

Bullough Fasteners, joint leaders of the Post and Chronicle's Division Three, have been ordered to replay their game against Jolly Jacks because they fielded an ineligible player in the first match. They have also been fined £4.

Wigan Amateur League side Bispham are still without a manager — anyone interested ring Dave Denner on Up Holland 623898.

Wigan Under 16's Sunday League last weekend went out of the Lancashire Youth Cup, beaten by last year's winners Blackpool and Fylde 3-1. Rigby scored Wigan's only goal.

Some pleasing news about Wigan Rovers, a club on whom fortune hardly ever seems to smile. They are battling well in the Lancashire Combination and up to last weekend had only lost once in the last seven games.

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years ago, until he heard his name mentioned, and the effect this had on him, the other patients, and staff, changed the course of his life.

• Since the last mention in the programme, only one message has been sent, and the commentators find it difficult to believe that, in that time, only one supporter has had a sports-loving friend in one of the three hospitals on the circuit.

If you have a message, please write it simply and clearly (with your name and address) and hand it in to the Club Office, addressed to "Hospital Commentary". Stand patrons who may wish to send a message personally are very welcome to come to the Commentary position at the Shevington end of the stand at half-time and do just that, (providing you can let us know beforehand).

As you know, commentary on every first team match and cup-tie is broadcast to Wigan Infirmary, Billinge and Wrightington hospitals, and some weeks ago, we asked if you would like to send a message, especially a humorous one, to someone who was a patient. Over the years, more than one person has said how much better he/she felt simply through hearing their name mentioned on their bedside radio. Indeed, one man who still enjoys good health, said he felt he was actually dying a good number of

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ONE OF THE little indulgences which I allow myself, from time to time, is to drop in at the grounds of other Football Clubs, whether League or non-league, to enjoy a quiet private viewing of their facilities. On the return journey from Colchester, having stayed overnight, I took the opportunity to revisit, for the second time, the grounds of Cambridge United and Sheffield United.

My first visit to the Abbey Stadium, Cambridge had been in preparation for our application for Football League membership, at a time when the United were preparing for their first season in the Second Division. I was impressed on that occasion by the neat little ground, and the love and devotion that had obviously gone into the club, in building up to Second Division status in eight short years, from 1970. On my return, I noted that the additional seating which the club had planned to introduce had materialised, the new turnstiles and terracing had been blended into an already well thought out plan, and the varying safety measures that had been demanded by a higher grade of football had been implemented. New toilet blocks and entrances were additional refinements that had been introduced.

In the afternoon, taking in the Sheffield United and Blackpool game, I was seated opposite the magnificent cantilever stand that has been the cause of much financial pressure at Bramall Lane, as the club has

plunged from First Division to Fourth Division level in five short years. The best Fourth Division gate of the season (15,566) was almost lost in the vast arena that was obviously meant to display all that is best in soccer at a higher level of competition. Masses of steelwork emphasised the ever-continuing fight to control the hooligan element currently threatening our game.

Arriving at homely Springfield Park, on Monday morning, I could not help but reflect that money certainly did matter, as Football League clubs went up and down the ladder of success or failure. I pondered on what it has already cost Wigan Athletic to bring our former non-league facilities up to the more acceptable Football League standards, and shuddered at the potential price of introducing the further changes so necessary if progress is to be maintained. The whole exercise was a rather sobering experience, after the heady joys of a superb victory over Colchester United at Layer Road. Nothing is more certain than that your club really does need your continued support.

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RESERVE

RECENT RESERVE AND YOUTH TEAM RESULTS AND LINE-UPS

Saturday, 31st October, 1981.

Wigan Athletic Reserves v Everton "A"

Wigan Athletic team as follows:-

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Jones

Pridham

Silcock

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Wright

Langley

Urquhart

Hatton

Quinn T.

Edwards

Result: Wigan Athletic 1 - Everton 'A' 1

Scorer — Edwards.

UMBRO FLOODLIT LEAGUE as at 31.10.81.					
	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Shrewsbury Town	8	6	1	1	33
Wigan Athletic	5	4	1	0	24
Port Vale	6	2	1	3	18
Wrexham	6	2	1	3	15
Crewe Alexandra	8	1	1	6	14
Chester	5	0	3	2	10

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THE COMMITTEE and Bar staff would like to welcome the officials, players and supporters of Darlington Football Club to Springfield Park.

On Thursday of last week, the Wigan Athletic Social Club, Woodhouse Lane, (the Bottom Club) was forced to close due to financial reasons. The club, like many others, including ourselves, had been suffering financially during the recession period and despite gallant efforts by their committee were unable to continue. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome any of their members to our club, and also any of the committee wishing to join us in the future.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

O.A.P.'s party will be held on Thursday, 17th December and the Children's Party Sunday, 20th December, 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend please place your name on the lists provided on the notice board; these will be taken down on Saturday 21st November and no additions will be made after this date for any reason whatsoever.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

On Thursday, 26th November, The Country & Western Nights return, by courtesy of Kentucky Promotions, tickets are 80p. with a 30p. concession to Supporters' Club members.

WIGAN RHEUMATISM & ARTHRITIS GROUP

Would you please note that due to the third Round League Cup-tie with Chelsea, the monthly meeting will now be held on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 p.m. This meeting will also incorporate the Bring & Buy Evening. Remember, you do not have to be a member to attend these meetings, and any help would be appreciated.

NOEL WARD BENEFIT

On Thursday, 19th November at 8.00 p.m. there will be a Concert held in the club with Johnny Meadows, Kathy Lester, Cliff North and Alan Lewis. This promises to be another excellent night with tickets priced at 40p. I would like to thank all of you who turned out last Thursday for the Film Show. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, despite not having the City v Latics film. The tickets are available for the Couples Night to be held at the Riverside on December 10th, priced £16, which includes dinner, dancing, cabaret and disco. PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE MATCH WITH CHELSEA, MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL HAVE TO BE SHOWN, BEFORE AND AFTER THE MATCH TO OBTAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CLUB.

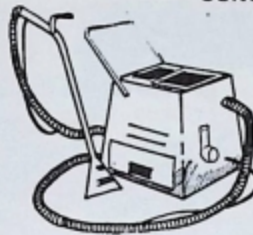
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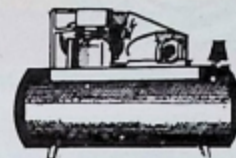
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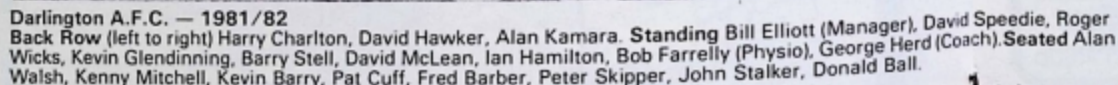
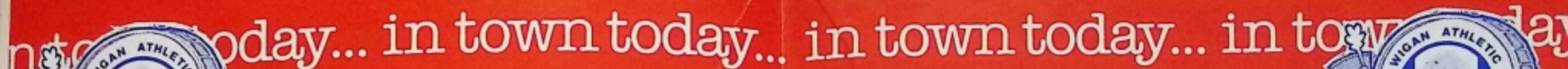
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proving very hard to beat in this year's League competition. Indeed, prior to tonight's encounter, "The Quakers" have won two, and drawn eight of their thirteen League games played. Referring back to the games played in our first three seasons in the Football League, it will be noted that three games have been drawn, with Wigan winning twice, and Darlington once. The scene is set, therefore, for a keen clash of two

Under the leadership of the very experienced Billy Elliott, Darlington are

Welcome then, to the directors, management, staff and supporters of the Darlington Football Club, and we look forward to the return encounter at the Feethams Ground in March next year.

Season 1979/1980
18th Aug. 1979

Darlington 1 Wigan Ath. 2
H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 2,063
Scorers: Darlington Taylor (2)
Wigan Ath: Purdie, Hinnigan
Wigan Ath. 4 Darlington 1
H.T. Score 2-0 Att. 5,001
Scorers: Wigan Ath: A. Quinn,
Hinnigan (2), own goal
Darlington: Stalke

7th Feb. 1981

Darlington 3 Wigan Ath. 1
H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 2,321
Scorers: Darlington: Stalker (3)
Wigan Athletic: Own goal
Wigan Ath. 3 Darlington 1
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 3,626
Scorers: Wigan Ath. Methven,
Wright, M. Quinn
Darlington: Hamilton.

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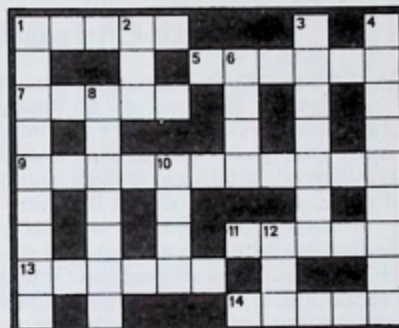
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 9

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.
David of Wales; --- back; Chester's nickname; 1962 World Cup hosts



CLUB CLUE No. 9

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:
They're in the First. O.K.? Easy!

MIXED DOUBLES No. 9

Re-order the letters in each of the words **ANDREW** and **AWING** to find two historic League clubs.

QUICK QUIZ No. 9

- Did Nobby Stiles score for England against West Germany at Wembley in 1966?
- Who was the first player to score in successive FA Cup finals at Wembley?
- Which club holds the record (12 successive defeats) for the worst start to a season?
- Who were the last club to win the First Division title on goal average?
- Which occasional England forward scored a total of 18 goals in his 9 appearances.

SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 9 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

- Keeper who established a club appearances record for Reading last season (5)
- What, colloquially, unhappy soccer players are as sick as (6)
- 7 & 11ac. Number One in One in eighty-one . . . (5,5)
- ... their former player who was a League ever-present for Plymouth last season (11)
- See 7 across
- Darryl ---, referee (6)
- The first --- League game (Football League v Football Alliance) was played at Sheffield in 1891 (5)

DOWN

- AFC Bournemouth's base (4,5)
- Total number of League away wins mustered between them last season by . . . (3)
- ... City and Rovers (7)
- Side sited at Stair Park (9)
- Hawley or Hill (4)
- Atmospheric name of the former NASL side of San Antonio (7)
- A referee's "authority . . . and powers granted to him by the Laws of the --- commence as soon as he enters the field of play" (Law V) (4)
- Moore's, maybe (3)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

WELL, I'd thought I'd seen and heard it all . . . until I dropped in at happy Colchester last Friday night. The initial warmth and friendliness bestowed upon my lonely self, upon arrival, by the local press lads sadly didn't last long. The atmosphere became decidedly chilly. (It was quite safe as I sat near the door), when our lads worked the Oracle and raced into a 2-0 lead. One of their reporters was so distressed by his side's plight that he couldn't contain his frustration. He peppered his half time call to Extel . . . the news agency which collates all soccer scores . . . with comments such as "Colchester 0, Wigan, would you believe, 2 . . ."

Poor lad (pain!!) His divine right to see "The U's" (and don't ask me what that stands for) win at home was being challenged, and his measures became even more desperate after Colchester pulled back a goal late on. "Please God, let us equalise", was the cry which echoed throughout the box. (Playing dirty, eh!) "Please God, ignore him".

was my reply. Anyway, he couldn't have known that we have a club chaplain who probably has more clout upfront than either of us.

It was at Newport's Somerton Park that I met the most unfortunate soccer reporter ever . . . and this lad really had a shocking experience in the County press box, where once you get in you can't get out. (A case of keeping your legs crossed!) The tiny light above the writing area was not working, so he whipped the bulb out and tried it in another socket . . . and yes, there was light. So he decided the best way to repair his own socket was to push his pen into the gap and wriggle it about . . . and boyo boy, did his pretty Welsh locks stand on end!

It seems as though my recollections of Latics epic cup clash with Chelsea in the last issue stirred something up in the memory of fate. Who could ever have guessed that two days later we'd get the opportunity to prove the first win wasn't a fluke . . .?

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Colchester United	The U's	Layer Road	Royal Blue & White vertical stripes
Crewe Alexandra	The Railwaymen	Gresty Road	Red
Darlington	The Quakers	Feethams Ground	White/Black collars and cuffs
Halifax Town	The Shaymen	The Shay	Royal Blue/White trim
Hartlepool United	The Pool	Victoria Ground	Blue & White stripes
Hereford United	United	Edgar Street	White/Navy Blue trim
Hull City	The Tigers	Boothferry Park	Black and Amber stripes
Mansfield Town	The Stags	Field Mill Ground	Amber/Blue trim
Northampton Town	The Cobblers	County Ground	White/Claret trim
Peterborough United	The Posh	London Road	Royal Blue/White trim
Port Vale	The Valiants	Vale Park	White/Black trim
Rochdale	The Dale	Spotland	Blue/White trim
Scunthorpe United	The Irons	Old Show Ground	Red/White trim
Sheffield United	The Blades	Bramall Lane	White/broad Red stripes down front thin red stripes down side
Stockport County	The County	Edgeley Park	Sky Blue/White stripes
Torquay United	The Gulls	Plainmoor	White/Blue & Yellow trim
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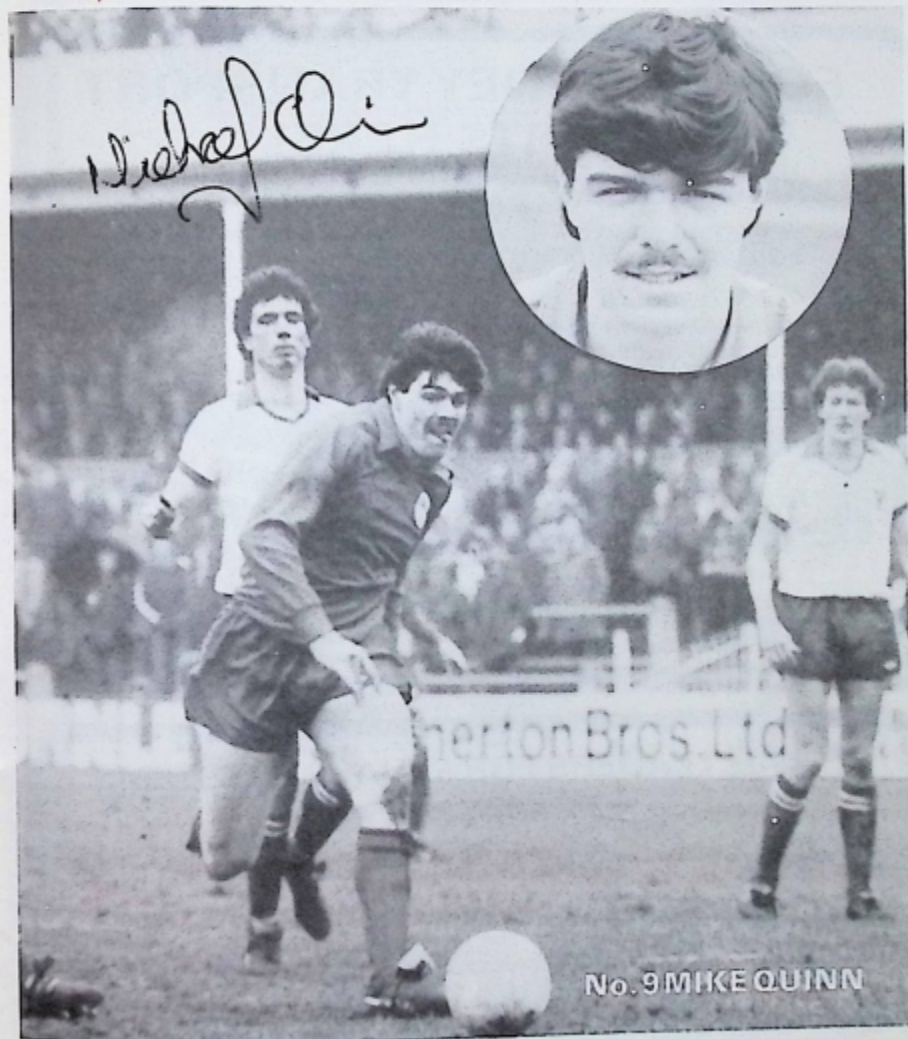
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ONE OF THE most important aspects of any organised activity for young people is the attitude of the coach or organiser to the children. You can have the best coach in the world but if he isn't accepted by the kids then he won't do much good.

Over the last few weekends I've been able to stand back and watch members of the 'Junior Latics' being put through their paces by 3 or 4 people who, it must be said, have been great with the boys and girls.

At the Coca Cola Awards John Curtis and Peter Jackson have managed superbly well with 70 or so children who have attended. And at our Under 12's soccer and 5-a-side Trials Dave and Alan Hill have done a great job in forming 2 squads of boys who have impressed us all with their skill and ability. The boys lucky enough to be chosen for the squad are:-

Under 12's

David Aspinall
Peter Atherton
Michael Gregory
David Hill
Simon Lynch
Peter McCourt
Paul Newby
Andrew Taylor
Philip Winstanley

Michael Aspinall
Craig Fillingham
Karl Heyes
Jonathan Leeman
Scott Mason
Neil Molyneux
Steven Orme
Darren Walsh

Under 16's 5-a-side

Peter Blinston
Graham Clare
Peter Hackett
Mark Lynch
David Thompson

Peter Brown
Andrew Galligan
Martin Holden
Darrell Robinson
John Unsworth

We don't want to leave any child thinking that he isn't good enough or that he is being passed over, so, in conjunction with Mr. Ronnie Holland and his Coaching School, any boy that is interested is invited to go along to Robin Park (near Asda) at 11.00 a.m. — 1 p.m. any Sunday morning where they will receive first class coaching on all aspects of the game.

All sessions are taped on Video so that any faults can be seen and corrected.
The cost is 20p. per session and Ronnie will keep the 'Junior Latics' coaches informed of all progress the boys make.

The most difficult task we have had so far is trying to find a suitable pitch for our under 12's to play on. We need, preferably, one with changing facilities and not too far away. So if any Mums or Dads have any ideas please contact myself or Mr. Colin Burke, the Secretary of Wigan Athletic A.F.C. Ltd.

Netball

Any girls who wish to take part in our proposed Netball Team are asked to meet outside Springfield Park at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday 8th November.

Sponsored Walk

Our sponsored walk starts at 10 a.m. on Sunday 8th November when we hope to raise a substantial amount for the Noel Ward Testimonial. 'Junior Latics' aged up to 10 will complete up to 10 laps of the pitch and the over 10's will do 15 laps.

Clean Up

The Board of Directors of Wigan Athletic A.F.C. Ltd. have asked all members of the 'Junior Latics' who are attending the Sponsored Walk to help the Club by removing as many stones and rubble from the banking at the Shevington End of the ground in preparation for the visit of Chelsea. All those wishing to help should stay behind after the walk.

Wembley Soccer Scope

On the night after Latics have beaten Chelsea!! November 12th. We are holding our second film night of the month when we are showing the Daily Mirror Wembley Soccer Scope. We have acquired the super programmes which accompany the film and these will be on sale on the night.

Matchday Mascot

Tonight's mascot is John Cooper. John is 10 years old and he attends Gidlow Middle School. His hobbies are swimming, the Cubs and he sings in the Choir at All Saints Parish Church. His favourite players are Larry Lloyd and Trevor Brooking. Have an enjoyable evening John.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS





"Joe Neenan, the Scunthorpe United goal-keeper, pulls off two good saves to thwart the rampant Athletic attack".

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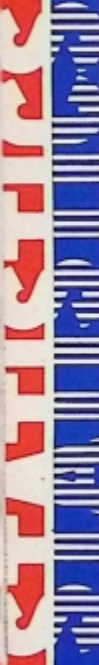
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DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AUG. 29	Bradford City	3-3	4,229	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
AUG. 31	STOCKPORT CNTY. F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715	Brown	McMahon	McAdam	Cribley	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	3-1	2,913	Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3-1	3,996	Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 23	PORT VALE	2-0	4,525	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers	0-0	2,774	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Langley
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	4,952	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED	1-0	4,876	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg	2-2	1,960	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-1	4,873	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Cribley
Oct. 17	Hull City	2-0	3,600	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Cribley
Oct. 20	Bury	3-5	6,249	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Cribley
Oct. 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	2-1	4,553	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Cribley
OCT. 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. CUP 2 2nd Leg	1-0	4,926	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
OCT. 30	Colchester United.	2-1	3,882	Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
NOV. 4	DARLINGTON															
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED															
Nov. 14	York City															
Nov. 21	HARTLEPOOL UNITED															
Nov. 28	Rochdale															
DEC. 5	HALIFAX TOWN															
Dec. 12	F.A. Cup 2															
Dec. 19	ALDERSHOT															
Dec. 26	Crewe Alexandra															
Dec. 28	BLACKPOOL															

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Jan. 9 Sheffield United
Jan. 16 PETERBOROUGH UNITED
Jan. 23 BRADFORD CITY
Jan. 30 Northampton Town

FEB. 6 HARTLEPOOL UNITED
Feb. 8 Port Vale
Feb. 13 Torquay United
Feb. 20 TRANMERE ROVERS
Feb. 26 Stockport County

MAR. 6 HULL CITY
Mar. 10 BURY
Mar. 12 Scunthorpe United
Mar. 16 Darlington
Mar. 20 COLCHESTER UNITED
Mar. 27 Hereford United

APR. 2 YORK CITY
Apr. 9 Blackpool
Apr. 10 CREWE ALEXANDRA
Apr. 17 Halifax Town
Apr. 24 ROCHDALE

MAY 1 Peterborough United
May 5 A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH
May 8 MANSFIELD TOWN
May 15 Aldershot

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT MONDAY, 2nd NOV. 1981.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Sheffield Utd	13	5	2	0	16	5	4	0	2	10	6	29
Bury	13	7	0	0	26	6	2	1	3	9	11	28
Bradford City	13	4	1	1	17	9	5	0	2	16	9	28
Peterborough Utd	13	5	0	1	13	3	3	0	1	7	6	27
Bournemouth	13	4	2	0	9	3	4	1	2	6	5	27
Colchester Utd.	13	5	1	1	22	4	3	0	3	9	1	25
Blackpool	13	5	1	1	10	4	2	3	2	11	11	24
Wigan Athletic	13	5	0	1	13	7	2	1	3	5	6	23
Tranmere Rovers	13	3	1	1	13	9	2	2	3	8	9	18
Hartlepool Utd	13	3	1	2	6	7	2	1	2	7	7	18
Port Vale	13	3	2	2	10	7	0	1	5	2	11	16
Stockport County	13	5	0	2	8	9	2	3	2	12	16	15
Hereford United	13	1	3	2	8	9	2	3	0	3	9	11
Tranmere Rovers	13	1	3	3	7	3	0	4	2	4	8	14
Darlington	13	2	4	1	5	18	3	1	5	3	12	12
Black City	13	1	2	4	9	1	5	3	8	16	12	12
Hull City	13	1	2	3	7	6	0	3	4	13	18	10
Hull City	13	2	1	3	7	6	0	3	4	13	18	10
Mansfield Town	13	1	3	2	10	9	1	1	5	4	13	10
Scunthorpe Utd.	13	2	3	12	13	0	1	5	2	12	10	10
Northampton T.	14	1	3	3	7	10	0	2	5	8	24	8
Crewe Alexandra	13	1	0	6	7	11	1	0	5	1	16	6

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP THIRD ROUND DRAW

Arsenal	v	Norwich City
Barnsley	v	Brighton & Hove Albion
Blackburn Rovers	v	Nottingham Forest
Everton	v	Oxford United
Ipswich Town	v	Bradford City
Leicester City	v	Aston Villa
Liverpool	v	Middlesbrough
Manchester City	v	Northampton Town
Oldham Athletic	v	Fulham
Queens Park Rangers	v	Bristol City
Sunderland	v	Crystal Palace
Tottenham Hotspur	v	Wrexham
Tranmere Rovers	v	Colchester United
Watford	v	Lincoln City
West Ham United	v	West Bromwich Albion
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Comment FROM THE CHAIR

GOOD EVENING. This week I have the honour and privilege of writing the Chairman's column, by kind permission of our Chairman, Mr. F. Pye. My first duty, on behalf of my Chairman and Co-Directors, is to extend a very warm welcome to the Chairman, Mr. J. L. Moore and his fellow Directors of our visitors from the Darlington Football Club.

May I now be permitted to comment on the activities and improvements thrust upon us for our Third Round Football League Cup tie against Chelsea, to be played on Wednesday, 11th November. No doubt our regular supporters have observed what steps have been taken to improve our ground since we got into the Football League, but, having drawn Chelsea, we have had to implement further improvements a little sooner than we had anticipated.

Following the draw, we immediately contacted the police to liaise concerning safety measures for this special game, then acted upon the suggestions. We have acquired fencing to run from the visitors' turnstiles, so as to channel the visitors to the kop at the Shevington End. Again, to help our visitors gain access, we have approved the installation of another double turnstile. We have also ordered extra portable toilets to be placed within the ground. Further, to help all concerned, we intend to erect an iron rail fence, down from the back of the Shevington Stand to the boundary wall. This will create a "no man's land" between the St. Andrew's Drive Stand side and the visitors housed at the Shevington End. Once again, you will see, through the efforts made, evidence of the Chairman keeping his promise, backed by his fellow Directors, to improve the Wigan Athletic Football Club both on and off the field.

Finally, the Chairman has asked me to give a special vote of thanks to the "Junior Blues", for turning up and helping to clear away any loose debris around the ground. This is an involvement by the "Junior Blues" of which we are justifiably proud.

Enjoy tonight's game.

J. A. Eckersley, Director.

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SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 9 — Across 1. Death 5. parrot 7 & 11ac. Aston Villa 9. Cradlington 11. See 7 across 13. Reeves 14. Inter. Down: 1. Dean Court 2. two 3. Bristol 4. Stranraer 6. Alan 8. Thunder 10. Game 12. Ian.
ON THE BALL No. 9 Giles, right, Seals, Chile
CLUB CLUE No. 9 — Stoke (hidden)
MIXED DOUBLES No. 9 — Darwen, Wigan.
QUICK QUIZ No. 9 — 1. Yes (England won 1-0 in February); 2. Bobby Johnstone (Manchester City 1955-56); 3. Manchester United (1930); 4. Manchester United (1965); 5. George Camsell.

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"HERE NEXT"
Saturday, 7th November, 1981
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v HEREFORD UNITED
Football League Division Four



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
Royal Blue & White Stripes)

- 1 John Brown
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Alex Cribbley
- 4 Mark Wignall
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 David Glenn
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 Clive Evans

OFFICIALS
Referee:
MR. D. SHAW
(Sandbach)

Commenced refereeing in 1964 then graduated via the Crewe and District, Mid-Cheshire and Northern Premier Leagues to the Football League list. Refereed the Cheshire Youth, Saturday and Senior Cup Finals in 1976, 1977 and 1979. Was also in charge of a Northern Premier League Cup Final and an Anglo-Italian Competition tie. He lined a U.E.F.A. Cup match in 1976, an F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1977 and the Charity Shield in 1978.

A married man, with two daughters, he enjoys gardening, listening to music and wine making. Past Chairman of the Northern Premier Association of Referees and Linesmen.

Linesmen:
Red Flag Yellow Flag
Mr. J. Callaghan Mr. M.S. Dickman
(Liverpool) (Parkgate, S. Wirral)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

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F.T. SCORE:.....
ATTENDANCE:.....
SCORERS
LATICS:
VISITORS:
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DARLINGTON
(White/Black)

- 1 Pat Cuff
- 2 Alan Kamara
- 3 Harry Wilson
- 4 Kevan Smith
- 5 Peter Skipper
- 6 Dave Speedie
- 7 Kenny Mitchell
- 8 Dave McLean
- 9 Roger Wicks
- 10 Ian Hamilton
- 11 Alan Walsh
- 12 John Stalker